

Please amend the claims to the following:

9. (Twice Amended) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said particulate comprises at least one metal selected from the group consisting of nickel and nickel alloy.
10. (Twice Amended) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said particulate consists essentially of at least one metal selected from the group consisting of nickel and nickel alloy.
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REMARKS

The Interview

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Nguyen for meeting with applicants' representatives on February 27, 2002.

During the interview applicants' invention was discussed and distinguished over the prior art.

Most Relevant Prior Art

Applicants have received numerous office actions and have carefully studied the prior art references called to their attention during the course thereof. Applicants have